

I am writing in response to the Mineral Management Service's Environmental Impact Statement for the planned 130 turbine wind farm known as Cape Wind (PRG-HQ-0005). I am in support of the project. I have taken a look at the findings in the Army Corps' DEIS (NAE-2004-338-1) and have noted the great benefits that this project will bring to our region of Massachusetts. First is the creation of jobs, 600 to 1,000 people will be employed during the construction phase and 154 permanent jobs will be introduced to the region once online. It is expected in Barnstable County, the operation of the wind farm will result in annual permanent increases of \$21.8 million in economic output; \$10.2 million in value added; and, nearly \$7 million in labor income. The amount of energy expected to be produced will help offset the usage of highly polluting coal and oil power plants located nearby. I live in Mattapoisett, MA which experienced heavy damage caused by an oil spill 4 years ago. If one less barge full of oil has to be transported through Buzzard's Bay then its one less bullet in the chamber in this game of Russian roulette. Building this renewable energy source will reduce the cost of compliance with the Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards (RPS) for Massachusetts electricity consumers. Cape Wind will have an annual cumulative beneficial effect on public health estimated at approximately \$53 million dollars resulting from reduced power plant pollution. The DEIS has concluded that no major impact will be had on sea and air navigation. The biggest plus to the project in my mind is the reduction of greenhouse gasses, as a 25 year old I'm very concerned about this due to the expected timetable of global warming and the effects that it will have on my life 30 years down the road. Part of the DEIS findings is that there will be a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions of over a million tons a year. Since this project is located and will impact the cape the most, this reduction in greenhouse gasses is severely needed seeing how the cape has some of the worst air quality in the United States. My last reason for supporting this project is the fact that it will have little impact on the shores of the cape. The fog horns on the towers are expected to only be heard within a half mile of each tower, leaving ocean front residents without the annoyance of listening to them at night, though the towers will be visible on the horizon, they are not expected to dominate the landscape from shore. In my opinion that is only a small price to pay for securing the region's energy needs for the future. So in conclusion I support the construction of the 130 turbine wind farm by Cape Wind.

Thank You,  
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